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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is the Utility patent application of:

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FOR:	FLUID CONTROL VALVE

Enclosed are:

- 5 sheets of  formal  informal drawings.
- A Request for Priority to claim priority date of February 25, 2003.
- An Unexecuted Declaration.
- An Information Disclosure Statement with PTO Form 1449
- The filing fee is calculated as shown below:

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Respectfully submitted,

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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re U.S. Patent Application of** )  
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**Application Number: To be Assigned** )  
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**For: FLUID CONTROL VALVE** )  
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**Honorable Assistant Commissioner  
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Washington, D.C. 20231**

**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY  
UNDER 35 U.S.C. §119  
AND THE INTERNATIONAL CONVENTION**

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In the matter of the above-captioned application for a United States patent, notice is hereby given that the Applicant claims the priority date of February 25, 2003, the filing date of the corresponding Japanese patent application 2003-047820.

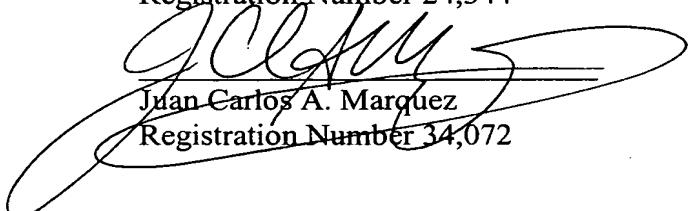
The certified copy of corresponding Japanese patent application 2003-047820 will be submitted as soon as it is received from applicant. Acknowledgment of receipt of the certified copies is respectfully requested in due course.

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